U. S. DEFENSE TALK BY BOARD OF TRADE

Speakers and Topics at Meeting Last Night in Line With Preparedness.

VOTE ON PROPOSITIONS FROM U. S. COMMERCE BODY

More Efficient National Guard Spe cially Urged-Recommendation for Adequate Local Armory.

The gathering of the Board of Trade at the New Wilard Hotel last night might well have been announced as a special "preparedness" meeting, for practically the entire evening was devoted to addresses and consideration of reports having either direct or indirect bearing on national defense.

Representative Julius Kahn of California made a straight out-and-out talk on the question, citing the need of a greater army, and particularly a greater and more efficient National Guard. Senator Sterling of South Dakota also spoke on preparedness, though a portion of his remarks was devoted to the matter of suffrage in the District of Columbia. The annual report of the committee on public order of the Board of Trade included a recommendation for an adequate armory for the District National Guard, and the support of the board in manning and upbuilding the guard, both having an indirect bearing on the question of prepared-

Special resolutions submitted by the public order committee directly relat-ed to the question, in that they pledge the Board of Trade to indorse any and every effort to increase the strength and efficiency of the army and navy, coast fortifications and National Guard. coast fortifications and National Guard. These resolutions were adopted. Even a referendum from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, it was considered, had a bearing on the preparedness issue, since it dealt with the plan of settling disputes of nations at an international court. In the discussion which the consideration of the referendum provoked the question of preparedness frequently was mentioned.

Views of Senator Sterling.

Senator Sterling prefaced his remarks by saying that the people in South Da-kota, his home state, are not so enthusiastic on the matter of preparedness as those on the Atlantic coast. "They think no 42-centimeter shell will ever reach them away out there in the middle west," said the senator: "but I frankly say that I am in favor of reasonable preparedness. By reasonable preparedness I mean such preparedness as will enable the United States to resist aggression on the part

able preparedness I mean such preparedness as will enable the United States to resist aggression on the part of any foreign nation."

The speaker was loudly applauded when he spoke of the matter of suffrage in the District of Columbia.

"You people of the District tean resolve and can agitate all you want to, but you cannot vote. I don't see how you can stand it."

The speaker told of the many bills affecting the District which have been introduced in the Senate already this session.

"They provide for everything, from the regulation of the kind of plaster used in building houses to the creation of a territorial form of government here with a legislature composed of eleven senators and twenty-two representatives. I don't see how you could stand any more legislative bodies here in the District; Congress is enough. But I often wonder if there is not some measure of self-government that Congress could give to the people of the District, one that will involve the election of a delegate to Congress from the District. The Poindexter bill provides for such a delegate. I think the enactment of that bill would be a good thing for the people of the District. The Poindexter bill provides for such a delegate. I think the enactment of that bill would be a good thing for the people of the District. The Poindexter bill provides for such a delegate. I think the enactment of that bill would be a good thing for the people of the District and for the nation at large."

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which is being made by the joint select committee of Congress.

pliment to the District National Guard in his address. He said the business men of Washington should give the suard their support and indersement. guard their support and indorsement.

"I sincerely hope Congress will grace the National Capital with an armory for the District National Guard that will be in keeping with the many other fine buildings to be found here We should set an example here for other cities to copy. The District should not be a place to try out freak legisla-

Representative Kahn said he did not put much faith in the plan to have the disputes of nations settled at any international court.

"I feel sure that if we ever had another Maine incident you could not take that case to any international court for settlement.

"When you can disband your police force and persuade burglars and thieves to leave your houses alone, then you can disband the army and dismantle the navy and settle all international disputes by arbitration."

Report on Public Order.

In the report of the public order com-

mittee of the board business men of Washington are urged to aid in raising a fund with which to furnish the armory building recently acquired by the National Guard of the District of Columbia. Odeli S. Smith, chairman of the committee, said that by making the armory attractive it would serve as a clubhouse and meeting place for the members of the guard.

The report carried with it the following recommendations, which were adopted.

lowing recommendations, which were adopted:
Favoring an armory for our National Guard commensurate with the needs of our Capital city, the hearty support of the Board of Trade in manning and upbuilding that guard; a permanent and adequate retirement and pension fund for the police and firemen; an increase in the number of patrolmen of the police department; increase in the pay of captains, lieutenants and sergeants of the police department; a consolidation of all se-called "outside men" under one head and in one department, and that crossing policemen be specially selected both as to physique and their special fitness.

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The following special resolutions which have been adopted jointly by the national guard committee of the Chamber of Com merce and the public order committee of the Board of Trade were indorsed by

e administration and congress d take action immediately to ade-ly prepare the United States for na-i defense; to this end the commit-tereservedly inderse any and every

Debate Two Referendums.

Considerable time was devoted to the posideration of referendums Nos. 10 safe from him. and 11 sent out by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to its constituent members. Following the reading of a report from a special committee of the board, the first of these was voted upon, the board approving a majority report of a special committee of the national chamber in every detail. The referendum had to do with recommendations pertaining to increasrecommendations pertaining to increasing the scope and activities of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce and the consular service.

A report urging the board to indorse the majority report of a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States on the other referendum also was presented. This referendum has to do with the plan to establish an international court to settle disputes of nations and for the creation of international laws. The Board of Trade committee urged that all the mendations pertaining to increas of Trade committee urged that all the recommendations of the national chamber's committee be concurred in, but opposition was voiced by John Joy

Edson.

Mr. Edson was a member of the committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States which reported on the referendum. He joined in a minority report brought in by that committee.

mittee. Mr. Edson objected to a section pro-viding that the United States should take the initiative in a concerted move-ment to bring economic pressure to bear on any nation which failed to sub-mit its disputes to the proposed inter-national court for settlement, and also one providing this country should take the initiative in bringing military pres-sure on any such nation when economic sure on any such nation when economi-pressure failed.

Argues in Opposition.

In his argument against the adoption of these two sections, Mr. Edson told of a visit he made to the Hague and of witnessing the sessions of the international court there. His arguments were loudly applauded, but when the natter was put to a vote both sec-

ions in question were approved. The Board of Trade Glee Club made its second appearance last night and sang one selection. The performance elicited much applause, and the individual members of the club and its director, Charles R. Bartlett, were the recipients of many compliments.

The board gave its indersement to the plan to have motion pictures taken of the Lincoln highway detour leading from Philadelphia to this city. from Philadelphia to this city.

Little Stories

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and then to the young hemlock tree again right in plain sight of Hooty the Senator Sterling told of the investigation into the fiscal relations of the District with the federal government was. was.

which is being made by the joint select committee of Congress.

"When I mentioned the plan whereby the expenses of the District are shared by the District and federal government to the people in my state last summer and fall I found no complaint from them against the most liberal support of the National Capital. I believe every citizen of the United States who has the means should, at least once in his lifetime, visit Washington. He should feel proud of the National Capital, not for its grandeur alone, but also because of the fact that he is a citizen of a nation which can provide such a capital."

District National Guard Commended.

Representative Kahn paid high compliment to the District National Guard in his palders. He would look be added tree. So still he sat and so straight that he looked in the moonlight like part of the tree itself. His great yellow eyes were fixed on the last chased Shadow the Weasel. He was waiting for Shadow to come out. Once in a while he turned his head without moving his body at all until he on his shoulders hindside before. He would look kehind him this way only for an instant just to make sure that there was no one moving there. Then his head would once more fix his great, fierce, hungry-looking eyes on the old log in which Shadow had found safety.

Peter waited until Hooty had looked Hooty sat on the top of his watch

effort to increase the strength and efficiency of the army and navy, the coast fortifications, the National Guard, and recommend passage of the militar pay bill.

"The committees earnestly desire that Congress provide a council of national defense, formulate a definite policy which may develop the entire military strength all public and private schools, colleges and universities, extend the civilian rife clubs movement and appropriate a sufficient sum for a medel armory for the National Guard in the Wistrict of Columbia."

Debate Two Referendament



HIS GREAT YELLOW EYES WERE FIXED ON THE LITTLE HOLE IN AN OLD LOG INTO WHICH HE HAD CHASED SHADOW THE

he stepped on a dry stick sticking above the snow and it broke with a tiny smap. It was a very little sound, but instantly Hooty's head flew around and Peter could just feel those great flerce eyes glaring at the little hemlock tree. This time he thought that his heart would jump right out of his mouth. But Peter was quite under the spreading branches of the little hemlock tree when he had so carelessly stepped on that little dry twig, and Hooty couldn't see him. For a minute he stared very hard, but only for a Hooty couldn't see him. For a min-ute he stared very hard, but only for a minute. You see, he didn't dare keep his head turned longer for fear that Shadow would slip out of that old log Shadow would slip out of that old log and get away.

Such a sigh of relief as Peter did give then! He was safe now from Hooty, for the little Hemlock tree was tall enough so that Hooty could not see beyond it. "I wish I could get away from Shadow as easily," thought Peter as he hurried away through the Green Forest, lipperty-lipperty-lip. "But just as soon as he gets away from Hooty he will follow my tracks. Oh, dear! What shall I do next?"

Army and Navy Union Officers. At a recent muster of Gen. Guy V. Henry Garrison, No. 9, Army and Navy inion, the following officers were lected for 1916: Commander, W. T. Conray; senior vice commander, L. F Webster; junior vice commander, John Sims; adjutant, Theodore Bethel; paymaster, Isalah Brown; quartermaster, Emmett Preston; officer of the day, John Wiggins officer of the guard, F. John Wiggins Joincer of the guard, F. J. Ennis; officer of the watch, J. W. Brown; chaplain, J. E. Ennis; executive council, J. H. Paynter, W. H. Fortune and C. D. Tippetts. The new officers are to be installed January 5 by Col. R. C. Galbraith, national deputy of the national corps of the Army and Navy Union.

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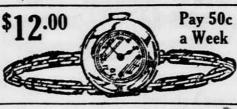
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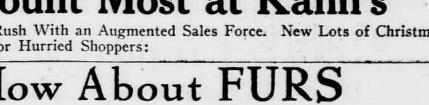
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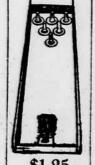


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